

March 31, 2023

To Our Neighboring Landowners,

You are being notified that ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest), with its principal place of business at 123 5<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401, is proposing to build approximately 4.75 miles of 345 kV transmission line in Marshall County, Iowa.

An informational meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on May 17, 2023, in Marshalltown at the Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center, 790 S Center Street, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158. Details of the project will be presented at the meeting along with a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Time will also be allocated to answer questions about the project. The meeting should last approximately one hour. If inclement weather occurs that day such that local schools are closed, the meeting will be postponed and held on May 24, 2023, at the same times and locations.

Your receipt of this notice indicates that property in which you have an interest may be affected by the location and construction of the proposed transmission line. Enclosed with this letter is the Informational Meeting Notice with a map generally showing the corridor within which ITC Midwest may locate the proposed line as well as the initial proposed route for the line. The final route may change and will be determined when easement negotiations with landowners are complete, and the lowa Utilities Board has approved the project. Under lowa law, ITC Midwest is not allowed to negotiate easements with landowners prior to the meeting on May 17, 2023. Please join us at the meeting for additional discussion regarding the purpose, timing, and routing of the proposed line.

We would also appreciate a call or e-mail from you prior to April 13, 2023, giving us the names and addresses of any persons residing on the potentially affected property that may not own an interest in the property, such as a tenant farmer. ITC Midwest is required to notify persons residing on the property and must do so no later than 30 days prior to the informational meeting. The notification must be through certified mail with return receipt requested. Please email Jackie Swartz at <a href="mailto:iswartz@itctransco.com">iswartz@itctransco.com</a> or call her at (515) 639-3334 with the tenant information.

Please contact Jacob Shipp at (319) 297-6816 or <a href="mailto:jshipp@itctransco.com">jshipp@itctransco.com</a> if you have any questions concerning this notice prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Scott Drzycimski

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**Enclosures** 

## State of Iowa County of Marshall

Notice is hereby given that ITC Midwest LLC (ITC Midwest) (Petitioner), with its principal place of business at 123 5th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52401, proposes to a build a new 345,000V (345kV) transmission line in Marshall, Tama, Benton, and Linn Counties, Iowa. The proposed line is being built as part of transmission system upgrades in the area. This project is critical to improve system reliability, increase resiliency to better withstand extreme weather, ensure generation is deliverable to load under various system and weather conditions, and facilitate increased access to wholesale energy markets for load serving utilities. This new line is also part of ITC Midwest's continuing efforts to increase reliability and improve resiliency of the electric transmission system in lowa to better serve the needs of electric consumers. The notification corridor and the proposed line route for which new easements may be sought in Marshall County are reflected on the enclosed map and by reference made a part hereof. The notification corridor is the area in which landowners and tenants are noticed concerning the public information meeting and in which easements may be sought after the meeting is held.

Prior to construction of this transmission line, the Petitioner must request a franchise from the Iowa Utilities Board (Utilities Board) authorizing the construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line along the proposed route. The Petitioner's initial proposed route travels through four counties, Marshall, Tama, Benton and Linn. In Marshall County the line starts at the East Corporate Limits of Marshalltown. The proposed line joins an existing 161kV transmission line and travels east as a Double Circuit 345kV/161kV line for approximately 1.0 mile. The proposed line then travels southeast for approximately 0.5 mile. The proposed line then travels easterly for approximately 3 25 miles at which point it's at the Marshall/Tama County line. Altogether, through the four counties the line is approximately 61.36 miles long. The segment in Marshall County is approximately 4.75 miles long. The final route may change and will be determined when easement negotiations with landowners are complete, and the lowa Utilities Board has approved the project. The final route may change and will be determined when easement negotiations with landowners are complete and the lowa Utilities Board has approved the project.

ITC Midwest may seek to acquire easements within the identified corridor for the construction, operation and maintenance of the line described in this notice. Any easement request will also include the right to maintain the right-of-way so as not to interfere with the construction, operation or maintenance of the transmission line and the right of ingress and egress to the easement area. After the Utilities Board has reviewed the petition for franchise it may conduct a public hearing and landowners would have a right to participate in the hearing process. If a hearing is conducted, notice of the public hearing will be published in Marshall, Tama, Benton, and Linn County newspapers with county wide circulation. There is the possibility that right-of-way may be acquired by condemnation if approved by the Utilities Board. At this time, the Petitioner has not requested and does not have the right of eminent domain in order to acquire the property rights by condemnation. If eminent domain is requested by the Petitioner, a hearing must be conducted by the Utilities Board where the request will be considered, and the Petitioner must show that the property rights are needed to serve a public use. If the Petitioner requests the right of eminent domain, a notice of the public hearing will be sent to the owners of record and parties in possession of the parcels subject to the request for eminent domain by return receipt mail in addition to the notice being published in Marshall, Tama, Benton, and Linn County newspapers with county wide circulation.

As a landowner or a party adjacent to, in possession of, or residing on property which may be affected by the location and construction of the aforementioned electric transmission line, you have

the right to be present at an Informational Meeting to be held at the place and time listed below. You also have the right to file with the Utilities Board objections to the location and construction of the proposed line as described. The Utilities Board's address is 1375 E. Court Ave., Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Representatives of the Utilities Board will preside at the Informational Meeting and present a summary of the legal rights of affected landowners. Qualified representatives of ITC Midwest will be present to discuss the project and to answer questions. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 725-7300 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

## Informational Meetings to be held

Date.

May 17, 2023

Time:

12:30 p.m.
Marshall County (Marshalltown)

Location:

Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center

790 S Center St.

Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

And

Date

May 17, 2023 5 30 p.m.

Time: Location:

Tama County (Toledo)

Reinig Toledo Civic Center 1007 S Prospect Drive

Toledo, IA 52342

And

Date: Time: May 18, 2023 12:30 p.m.

Location.

Benton County (Vinton)

Vinton Skate and Activity Center

1703 C Avenue Vinton, IA 52349

And

Date<sup>1</sup>

May 18, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Location.

Linn County (Fairfax)

Fairfax City Hall 300 80<sup>th</sup> Street Ct. Fairfax, IA 52228

Dated: March 31, 2023

Scott Drzycimski, Director, Public Affairs

ITC Midwest LLC

